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HOPKINSVILLE, CHRISTIAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY, TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1887.

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"CHILDREN'S DAY."

An Address, A Picture and Singing
Make it a Happy One.

Last Sunday was "Children's Day" with the Sabbath-school of the First Presbyterian church. In the forenoon the pastor preached an appropriate sermon—directed in its aim to both parents and children. All who heard it enjoyed it exceedingly. The exercises of the evening were participated in by the audience as well as the Sunday-school, consisting of singing, responsive reading and an address to the children by Mr. May. A feeling of sadness came over the audience when Mr. May told the children that it would probably be the last time he would ever hold another children's meeting here. During the past two years he had held these meetings once every month, and he hoped he had been instrumental in bringing some of the little children to Christ. He took as his text, "Learn of Me," and his address was attentively listened to by all. Not the least enjoyable part of the programme to the Sunday-school was the presentation to the school by Mrs. M. N. Rosch of a lovely life size portrait of the Superintendent, Judge J. I. Landes. The picture was executed in Indian ink by a New York artist, and all the judges were in accord upon it. The presentation was quite a surprise to many, and no doubt to the Judge also.

For fully a quarter of a century Judge Landes has acted as Assistant and Superintendent of the school, and his reputation as a Sunday School worker is as wide as the State, for all interested in this work know him to be a faithful, earnest laborer for the spiritual welfare of the children. The picture by a vote of the school was carried and hung up in the lecture room, where it is to remain. Long may the original be spared to prosecute the good work he has been engaged in so many years, is the wish of all.

CROFTON ITEMS.

Editor New Era,
A little baby of Jas. E. Jones, of Hamlet precinct, died yesterday of fever.

A wild cat had been seen prowling around in the Castlesburg neighborhood for several weeks, and Friday of last week Life Davis took his bounds and concluded to search for it. The bounds soon struck its trail and succeeded in about an hour in running his domestic feline into a tree, from which he was safely dislodged by a pistol shot by Frank Campbell.

Mr. McCormack from Church Hill was here yesterday interviewing our school men as to a position as teacher.

Prof. B. E. Thorn from Cerulean Springs has been employed to teach the public school at this point. Prof. F. has the reputation of being a fine educator.

Prof. Rance McIntosh will teach the public school at Castlesburg church.

Rev. D. W. Galloway from White Plains attended the examination of Prof. McQuikley's school last Friday.

Miss Susan Lewis went to Manly last Friday to visit the families of Billy and John Barrett.

Bob Wash went to Trenton yesterday where he will farm the present year.

Miss Lulu Clark returned home today from a week's visit to her uncle's family Hosier Ballou Clark at Bellevue.

John Carey, railroad agent at Manly, is sick at the residence of Green Hancock here.

Joe Bourland, who seemed to be improving, has grown alarmingly worse the last few days.

I learn that there will be a re-union of the Myers' family—many of whom live in this county—on the 20th. Several of the family will probably go on this occasion.

Mrs. John L. Brashear and children, from your city, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rice, of our town.

An effort is being made by the young ladies and gentlemen here to raise funds to purchase an organ for the church, and as they usually succeed in whatever they undertake, it is hoped they will meet with that success—a worthy enterprise.

A valuable acquisition to church worship, should open up their hearts and purses when the boys and girls come around with their songs. We have some of our best performers and many splendid vocalists and let us get the organ.

Mrs. M. W. Robinson, Jimmie Robinson and Master Walter West went to Monticello Gap; and Master Oscar Brashear went to Manly today all visiting.

It is said the only good place for a ball is on some other fellow. John Myers said he could sympathize with the telephone pole if it had the ball on the back of its neck.

C. A. B.

An Aerolite.

EVANSVILLE, IND., June 12.—The village of St. Joseph, about nine miles north of this city, was thrown into a violent state of excitement this morning by what was first supposed to be an earthquake. A sharp whiplike sound was heard about 7 o'clock, accompanied by a slight tremor of the earth. Great consternation prevailed which was hardly allayed when the fact was ascertained that an enormous aerolite of enormous dimensions had fallen in the vicinity. It was soon located in a small piece of woods, where it was found to have imbedded itself in the earth to the depth of at least fifteen or twenty feet. In descending it had crushed an immense tree into fragments and made a hole in the earth of about fifty feet in circumference. A vast amount of earth had caved in upon it, rendering it impossible to reach it without great labor. It will probably be excavated in the next few days for scientific examination. Several fragments of stone were picked up about the place having a strong smell of sulphur. The aerolite has furnished food for the superstitions, and the negroes regard it as an omen of evil. It is estimated that the stone weighs very nearly two tons.

REPUBLICS VERSUS MONARCHIES.

The following excellent essay was read at the commencement of Bethel Female College by Miss Fannie Fairleigh, of this city, and at the request of numerous friends is reproduced in the New Era:

"What, says one masculine scold, as my subject is announced, does a girl, a sweet girl graduate, know about Republics or Monarchies? I wager a new list she could not tell the distinguishing principles between them. What she writes will be nothing but the trite sayings of some old dried up historian (probably a masculine member of her family has exhorted her to use as a graduating essay one of his school day orations.)"

Now my criticizing friends, these remarks, I admit, are not entirely groundless judging from the apparent information of most girls on this subject, but you display your ignorance in this weighing in training and education.

The time for confining to a woman's mind a few accomplishments for society is past. The living, active, demands of the day engage her attention. Her thoughts and lead her to seek an understanding of many once forbidden things, and from the necessity of association with the people, she is brought in contact with the necessities of government. Do not grow alarmed and think that I am going to give a lecture on Woman's Rights to argue the question. "Did Mrs. Belva Lockwood have the right of candidacy for the Presidency?" I leave such mighty questions for the erudite to answer and intend to confine myself to a simple dissertation upon the tendencies of the Republican and Monarchical forms of government. I have chosen this theme not for the purpose of striving to appear learned, but because we are all interested in this subject and it is our duty to study it.

So much for preface. Now for subject. Man, though a free agent and his course of action not bound by the laws that govern the inanimate universe, requires government. The inspired word tells us he can not live unto himself, and from the necessity of association rises the necessity of government. Trace history to its earliest periods, and you find the old patriarchal form of ruling, which, as the families increased, developed into the tribal. Finally when the tribes grew into nations the chief of state elevated to the station of Monarch and exercised his power with absolute sway. The question is which is the best form of government. To obtain a satisfactory solution, I consider the fact that revolutions of great magnitude have swept the world. Nations ruled by Monarchies have been by the power of people been changed to republics. Republics with all their freedom and liberty have been converted by the few words of the controlling elements into empires that were as short-lived as the words were hasty that made them.

To answer the question, however, to review some of the underlying principles of all government. Primarily the object must be to secure the peace, prosperity and happiness of the people. Man is of a rebellious nature at heart and ever ready to fight for his rights. Every citizen desires to preserve his life, to preserve those material things which conduce to the maintenance of life and to preserve his liberty in the use of his possessions. This he cannot do alone because the necessity of co-operation. Appreciating this and realizing in his great mind the true aim of all government, Thomas Jefferson stated in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence the inspiring principles that have thrilled the hearts of the greatest of Republics.

—The Republic of the United States. Accepting these principles, as true let us ascertain under what form of government they have been carried out to the best advantage. Searching the annals of history what do we find?—Greece at the pinnacle of her glory as a nation during the age of Pericles when true democratic principles prevailed, and controlled the affairs of the state.

After her conversion into a part of the Macedonian Empire, under Philip and Alexander, she did not long maintain her supremacy.

When was Rome greatest? Not merely in point of territorial possessions, for this we find during the reigns of her first Emperors. What age produced Caesar, Cicero, Cato, Horace and Virgil. Think you the rule of Nero was conducive to happiness or prosperity? Intellectual and moral freedom is necessary to greatness, and when this is crushed the race of pigmies so far as spiritual man is concerned springs up.

A great writer and author has said, and that author a subject of a Monarchy, that the great political superstition of the past was the belief in the divine right of Kings. Another strong proof that the Republic is the form of government best suited to man is found in the fact that belief in that divinity which both hedge a King, is fast dying out. Look at the Monarchies of the present. How little more power have the Sovereigns than the heads of Republics?

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Resolutions.

At a meeting of the Hopkinsville Auxiliary of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions, held at the Christian Church, June 12, 1887, Mrs. R. W. Henry and Miss Agnes Dryden were appointed a committee on resolutions. They reported as follows:

To the officers and members of the Missionary Society:
We your committee, think the death of sister Martha E. Long a calamity from which this Society and the Church of Christ will not soon recover, that on account of her long lived usefulness, something more than hollow-sounding resolutions should commemorate the sense of loss we feel at her departure from us.

At the age of fourteen sister Long attached herself to this congregation worshipping at "Little River Meeting House," then the only organized church of the Disciples in the county. She remained a consistent and working member of the church of Christ from that time until her death which occurred on May 18, 1887, at the advanced age of seventy-two years.

She died in the full assurance of a blessed redemption in Christ, and with the happy hope that her children who followed her to the grave will also follow her to a region beyond the shadow of death where death cannot separate them through all eternity. She was always ready to die, and to her sudden death no one seemed to be surprised, but as she was meeting with her Savior and with those who had preceded her into the Blessed Land, whereas, we who knew her best and loved her tenderly because of our intimate association with her, are desirous of testifying to her estimable and Christian character, and the church of which she was a member, and the community at large, have lost a member whose life was a model, and whose influence was ever a blessing to the poor, and with a generosity as truly good as it was ennobling, she labored to rescue the perishing and to spread the Gospel which was her consolation among the benighted nations of earth. She had her trials in this life, the cold winds of adversity blew about her, but she stood to the helm. A sublime faith was hers, which knew that the God of the storms would quell the waves and land her safe in the Haven of rest. Be it further resolved, that in the death of sister Long this society of her sisters in Christ and the church of which she was a member, and the community at large, have lost a member whose life was a model, and whose influence was ever a blessing to the poor, and with a generosity as truly good as it was ennobling, she labored to rescue the perishing and to spread the Gospel which was her consolation among the benighted nations of earth. She had her trials in this life, the cold winds of adversity blew about her, but she stood to the helm. A sublime faith was hers, which knew that the God of the storms would quell the waves and land her safe in the Haven of rest. 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